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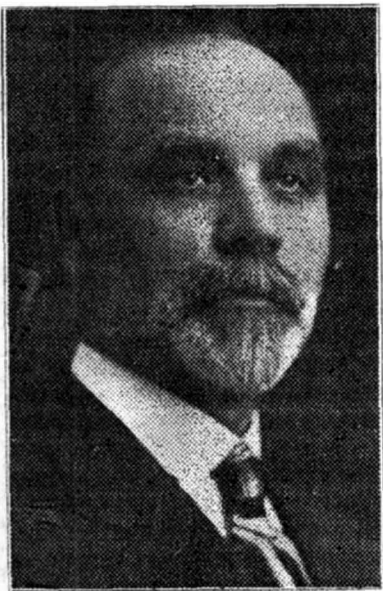
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DR. SHEPPARD TO GIVE ADDRESS AT COMMENCEMENT



Dr. J. H. Sheppard

Dr. Sheppard of the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, will deliver the eighteenth annual commencement address for the School of Agriculture seniors on Tuesday, March 20th, at 10:30 a. m. in the college auditorium. The subject of his address is "What are we here for?" Dr. Sheppard is one of the pioneers in the development of agriculture in the great mid-west. He organized and has directed since its organization, the collegiate livestock judging contest held at the International Livestock Show at Chicago. His methods and practices in the handling of college livestock instruction has been followed by all the leading agricultural colleges of the U. S. State College is honored to have Dr. Sheppard come for the Aggie commencement.

Chemistry Building May Be Replaced

An estimated building loss of \$85,000 and equipment losses totaling more than \$50,000 were the figures on losses sustained on the Chemistry building which was completely destroyed by fire on the morning of February 4. These were based on estimates of modern replacement costs, including a fire-proof building the size of the one destroyed.

Actual appropriations that went into the construction of the building were \$27,718 but these appropriations were in 1897 and 1909 when building materials were far cheaper. Construction experts estimated that it would take at least \$60,000 to build a non-fire-proof building of the same size now, and considerably more to erect a fire-proof structure.

At interpretation by the Attorney General's office on the law in regard to the emergency building fund states that the \$150,000 fund can be used to replace a building and to replace equipment destroyed by fire. Under another law such replacement must be fire-proof and doubtless should be of the same cubical content. The state engineer ruled that the building is completely destroyed and the old walls and foundations not fit to use in rebuilding.

The plan recommended by the college authorities and the Regents and substantially adopted by them is to construct one wing of a future Science Hall. This wing will be so located that it will not interfere with any of the other structures on the campus

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AGGIE COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Calendar
Wednesday, March Fourteenth
Reception to Graduating Class
Principal and Mrs. Scarbro
Thursday, March Fifteenth
Reception to Graduating Class
Dean and Mrs. Larsen
Friday, March Sixteenth
Annual Junior R. O. T. C. Banquet
Tea Room, 7:00 p. m.
Saturday, March Seventeenth
Class Day Exercises 3:00 p. m.
Annual Forensic Banquet
Tea Room, 7:00 p. m.
Sunday, March Eighteenth
Baccalaureate Services
Auditorium, 3:00 p. m.
Rev. C. D. Erskine, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church,
Sturgis, South Dakota

Monday, March Nineteenth
Senior Class Play, "Why Smith
Left Home", Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.
Tuesday, March Twentieth
Graduating Exercises
Auditorium, 10:30 a. m.
Address, Dr. J. H. Sheppard,
North Dakota Agricultural College,
Fargo, North Dakota
Presentation of Diplomas
Hon. Robert Dailey, President
of the Board of Regents
Annual Alumni Meeting
Chapel, 3:00 p. m.
Commencement Program
Tuesday, March 20, 1928, 10:30 a. m.
President C. W. Pugsley, Presiding
College Auditorium
Processional March Selected

Master Melodies from Famous
Light Operas Roberts
State College Symphony Orchestra
A Merry Life (from Funiculi,
Funiculi) Luigi Denza
Solo—Mr. Fjellanger
Aggie Chorus
Invocation Rev. O. D. Jackson
Aria: Connais-tu le Pays? from
Migmon Thomas
Miss Georgia Rodee
Address—"What are we here
for!" Dr. J. H. Sheppard
Presentation of Class
Prin. P. J. Scarbro
Presentation of diplomas
Hon. Robert Dailey
Benediction Rev. O. D. Jackson
March "Vanity Fair" St. Clair
State College Symphony Orchestra

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS SUNDAY BY REV. ERSKINE



Rev. Carroll D. Erskine
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,
Sturgis, S. D.

The class of 1928 is especially honored to have Reverend Erskine to deliver the baccalaureate service for their commencement, Sunday, March 18th. Mr. Erskine has been pastor of the church at Sturgis for twenty years. He is one of the leading citizens of western South Dakota and is known for his interest in all church and civic affairs of the state. He has served Sturgis as a member and president of the board of education. The Sturgis public schools rank as one of the leading schools of the state. Reverend Erskine has served his district as state senator for the past four sessions. His service as a member of the state legislature has always been constructive and for the interests of the people of South Dakota. State College is happy to have Reverend Erskine come on the campus and take part in the Aggie commencement.

Potter County Wins State-Wide Debate

Students, Alumni and friends of old S. D. S. A., with pleasure I greet you. I have been requested to write an account of the events in connection with the winning of the State Championship in the Farmers State Wide Debate of 1927.

In 1926 when I first started debating little did I think of ever following it up for any length of time. In our county, Potter County, we did not have a County Agent and our Community Club and one other were the only Farm Bureau clubs to survive the two years that we were without Extension Work in the County. Our Sister Club has represented the County in the State Wide Farmers Championship Debate of 1925, they being the only club who took up the debate that year.

In 1926 they challenged our club for a debate, and as a result several tried out for the team. I was somewhat surprised to hear that I was selected as one of the team. We won the County Championship by defeating our Sister Club, but when we went out of the county we were defeated by the first team we met.

By 1927 Extension Work was again established in Potter County, and as we had a very active County Agent we now had five Farm Bureau Clubs and as many debating teams in the county. The question for debate this year was "Resolved: That the Producer's Contract is Essential to the Greatest Success of Co-operative Marketing Organizations". In the tryout Mr. A. L. Thelin and myself

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Former Instructor of School Writes From Wyoming

Beulah, Wyoming,
February 26, 1928.

Hello Aggies and Alumni:

After a fellow has been around the college and among the Aggies for nine years, it gets rather lonesome to be stranded out west where you never see many of the old gang. I am on my grandfather's two thousand acre farm, one mile east of Beulah, Wyoming. The C. B. Highway passes through the place so when any of you are touring the Black Hills or on your way to the Yellowstone Park just stop in and give us a call.

I look forward to every issue of the Aggie News because it is good news to see how the school is progressing and what the alumni are doing. I enjoyed working with the Aggies last year and hope to be back some time to work with them again.

One of my ambitions while on the farm is to take away some of the drudgery of farm life, not only for myself but also for the housewife. Anyone who has graduated from the School of Agriculture knows many labor saving devices which he can construct himself that are of great help on the farm. During some of that cold weather we had this winter I used some of the knowledge I obtained when only a first year Aggie by making a large built-in cabinet in our kitchen. Every Aggie and Alumni can do the same thing. If your mother or wife, in case you are married, hasn't modern conveniences in her kitchen you can build them for her with very little expense. I am installing a bathroom at the present time. If the city folks need a bathroom, the farmer surely needs one after he has spent a day plowing or dragging in the dust. If you haven't running water it may not be so easy but there are many ways of supplying it.

Modern conveniences and labor saving devices are of as great necessity in the farm home as in the city home. Aggies are the leaders in their communities, so let's all join hands in a campaign to make the farm home a real place to live, then others will follow us.

E. H. Reinecke.

ROSS CUMMINGS HEADS SUCCESSFUL FAIR

Word from Broadland tells of the outstanding success of the Broadland Community and School Fair of which Ross Cummings was chairman. Great improvement in the quality of the entries over last year was especially noticeable.

27 STUDENTS ON GRADUATING LIST

The following students from all parts of South Dakota will go out into the commonwealth better citizens, and famous for having attended the School of Agriculture. Most of them are planning on farming, while a few of them are planning on continuing their educational work.

Senior Class Roll

Alvin E. Anderson, Arlington; Clarence Henry Beneke, Brookings; Alice Caroline Brelsford, Brookings; Elwyn H. Cother, Lake Preston; Leeland J. Croll, Miller; Edwin J. Doersch, Arlington; Virgil Arthur Gilbert, Carpenter; Thomas Ward Hannah, Manchester; Harold Walter Hanson, Watertown; Nelson O. Hess, Crandall; Glen E. Jordan, Sansarc; Lester R. Kennedy, Nisland; Lyle J. Kennedy, Nisland; Albert Konstant, Marvin; Thorvald H. Larsen, Brookings; Aoland F. Leonhardt, Cavour; Walter Martinmaas, Orient; Ruth Elizabeth Poole, Mud Butte; Arthur J. Potter, Andover; Benjamin Reifel, Parmelee; Emil R. Risty, Brandon; Ralph J. Scheafer, Colton; Lowell Russell Stegner, Hendricks, Minn.; Howard L. Vollenweider, Hitchcock; Harold W. Watson, Brookings; Kenneth Lauren Widman, Manchester; Arthur Milton Wickle, Brookings.

Judging Team Has Successful Trip in Minnesota

Whenever a subject is taught which can be taken home by a lad and used on the farm it is not hard to hold his interest in that subject.

This is particularly true of Livestock Judging for it is natural for every normal lad to like and admire good stock.

As an incentive for taking the course in Judging, a team is selected each year to represent the School in a contest of sub-collegiate schools.

This year the team which consisted of three members, Kenneth Widman, Howard Vollenweider and Elwin Cother attended the Midwinter Red River Contest at Crookston, Minn.

In addition to the Contest, further interest is stimulated by the Little International Livestock Show which was held this year February 10.

Work of this kind combines theory and practice by giving each future stock-man a chance to become interested in a stock show of some kind, where useful information can be obtained as to the types of the breeds most popular to judges and breeders.

Aggie Junior Class Shows Marked Increase in 1928

The Junior class of the School of Agriculture for the term of 1927 and 1928 shows a marked increase in enrollment over the preceeding years. It is more than double the junior class enrollment of '26-'27 and considerable larger than of the term preceeding that.

When the Class of '29 enrolled in the fall of 1925 they numbered one hundred and four, when sophomores there were fifty-seven. Of the original freshman class, thirty-six per cent are still in school and of the sophomore class about seventy-seven per cent. It is interesting to note that of the thirty-seven of the original class that returned as sophomores and finished the second term in the School of Agriculture course, very few dropped out. There are several that have advanced more rapidly, due to high school training and are now enrolled in the graduating class of 1928.

The increase of about 23 per cent in enrollment from the second to the third years has been due, largely, to the realization of farm boys and girls for a knowledge of practical problems which is to be obtained through the course of study offered by the School of Agriculture. This realization has been brought about by the active members of this school and alumni through the good work they are doing.

Of the seventy members of the present junior class there are a large number of efficient, diligent students who have the interest of their school at heart and have spared no effort in making their undertakings a success, whether they be the regular course of study or outside activities. Cooperation combined with the genuine Aggie spirit, which necessitates ambition, has made this group an asset to the School of Agriculture. This interest does not cease with the close of the school term but will be carried back to the various home communities all over the state of South Dakota by these students where they will practice the things they have learned and interest other farm boys and girls in the wonderful training they are receiving.

TERNEY ORGANIZES SCOUTS IN RURAL COMMUNITY

Thos. Terney is organizing a Boy Scout troop for farm boys at Broadland. Tom believes in keeping busy at anything that comes along. He has been hailed out each year for three years but is still optimistic and believes that farming business is the best life work.

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Students' Association

The School of Agriculture Students Association has made a good start on its extensive program of activities as outlined at the start of the school year.

One of the biggest, and what we consider the most important steps in the direction of bigger and better activities for the School of Agriculture, was taken recently.

For some time the aggies have felt the need of some means where by they would know definitely how much the College Students' Association was supposed to allow them to finance their different activities, and as no definite amount was ever allowed them from any of the different councils, they have always found themselves at a great disadvantage in trying to work out an activity program.

The College Students' Association has admitted the need of some plan, to provide a fair division of student tax money so that the aggies would be getting their full value, but they seemed unable to reach a satisfactory solution that would be fair to both Student Associations.

The solution that was proposed by the aggies an dmade an amendment to the Constitution of the College Students' Association provides for the following:

1. That the aggies shall still maintain their representatives on the College Board of Control that they shall retain all the privileges and rights as provided for in the Constitution and by laws with the exception of voting for the College Students' Association President, but instead of receiving money from any council to finance our activities in any way, the College Students' Association will refund sixty per cent of all student tax money paid in this money to be used in any way the Aggie Student Association sees fit. The remaining forty per cent to be used by the College Students' Association to pay for the college paper; admittance to athletic games, music concerts, etc.

The Aggies feel this a fair division of student tax money and they also feel that, in so far as we will handle all our finance problems, and that as most of our students do not become well enough acquainted with the College Juniors to make a wise decision in voting for College Student Association President, it would work for the best advantage of both schools if we do not vote for their Student President.

I believe this will be a tremendous help to our Student Association in working out a Constitution and desirable activity program at the beginning of each school year, because they will know exactly the size of their budget and that they must plan accordingly. I also believe they will have ample funds to carry out such a program of activities as we have been planning the past year, but which we were unable to entirely

complete on account of insufficient funds.

Another step we have taken in the way of promoting a keener interest in school activities in the presenting of at least five rifle team sweaters to the five high members of both the girls and boys rifle teams. We will give a sweater to any member of the boys rifle that shot an average score of 91 per cent or better in the Seventh Corps Area match providing not more than ten men shoot over 91, in which case only the ten higher men will get sweaters. We make the same provision for the girls rifle team also only they must shoot 92 per cent or better.

We are asking a higher average score from the girls because they only shoot the first two positions which are prone and sitting while the boys must shoot kneeling and standing also.

In case five members of these teams do not shoot over the required mark, then the five highest members of both teams will get sweaters.

We have made plans to make suitable awards to all intercademy teams that do creditable work for the school. The Stock and Grain judging teams both teams will get sweaters.

We have made plans to make suitable awards to all interacademy teams that do creditable work for the teams both get a standard S. D. medal, while all members of the Interacademy's debate teams and all Interacademy contestants will receive a standard forensic medal.

We feel very proud of all our Interacademy teams this year and consider them some of the best in the history of the school. Although they didn't win first place in every thing, they certainly showed the real Aggie spirit and never lost faith in themselves or their school.

The Students' Association of the School of Agriculture has put on a series of school dances this year which has proven a real success and which I believe has been a big factor in making for a more congenial and satisfied student body. As these dances have all been semi-formal in nature, they have given the students some valuable social training and have also helped swell our association budget.

Some people might say that we are paying too much attention to activities and not enough to our studies, but at the present time we are making a ruling whereby any student wishing to participate in one extra circular activity must carry at least twenty credit hours of regular school work, and twenty-two hours if he wishes to participate in two extra activities but if he carries twenty-five hours of regular school work he may participate in as many activities as he may choose. However, a student's average grade must be an M or better with not more than one subject below M and that not below I before he will be allowed to participate in any extra activities whatsoever.

Our reason for this ruling is that we do not want students coming here just for activities.

We feel that we have made considerable progress in the making of a bigger and better School of Agriculture and I am sure that if the student body returns next year with the same spirit they have shown this year that they will accomplish great things.

I would like at this time to thank the student body for the fine co-operation and support which they have given me throughout the year, but as I am unable to express my full appreciation I will just say that the full credit for any good that we may have done for the school must certainly be given to them.

I only hope they will give their future student president the same support and co-operation which they have given me, for then I know the school can do only one thing and that is become bigger and better and eventually one of the largest and finest schools in the country.

LETTERS OF INTEREST TO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS

Dad Scarbro has received this letter from Edwin VanderWert, class of '24:

Los Angeles, Cal.,
January 1, 1928.

Hello "Dad":—

How is everything at State College anyway? Getting along fine as usual I hope. I sure would like to spend a few days with some of my old friends, seeing that my class graduates this spring.

I am writing to let you know what I have been spending my time at since I quit school.

First of all, helping my father with usual farm work, which of course, keeps me quite busy, as we farm a large place, consisting of feed grains, wheat, flax, corn and alfalfa. Most all these feeds are fed to the stock as we have hogs, cattle, horses and a few sheep.

Two years ago after school closed, I made preparations for a dairy herd by purchasing a choice lot of Guernsey heifers. Several of these have proven themselves worthy citizens of our dairy herd. These heifers were purchased in Central Minnesota from a large dairy herd. At present I have a very good sire, from near the northern part of the Minnesota line. With this animal I expect to make my herd more valuable. As you all know that is one thing State College teaches. "Improve your herd" as you can not get them too good. Never be a quitter.

I hope some time to be able to give you more facts about my herd.

Last spring I purchased a 17-30 Type B Minneapolis tractor which I am very proud of, as I sure can do two men's work.

A few days before Christmas I signed a small piece of paper which caused me to take a trip called a Honeymoon. So we chose Sunny California and as far as beginning to tell of the interesting things we have already seen, would be impossible. We would advise you all to go and see for yourselves, either make it your Honeymoon or make it a pleasure trip.

So I guess I had better close for this time and hope to have the pleasure of writing again. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

At home on the farm after February 1st. St. Lawrence, S. D.

Charlotte Carson writes from San Juan Capistrano, California, January 18, 1928.

The Aggie News, Brookings, S. D.

Dear Friends:

The December Aggie News, was forwarded to me from my home address. It was like a letter from home and I certainly enjoyed it.

I am so pleased to know that Ora Sloat is one of the Faculty. We, who were her classmates, know that her heart was with the Aggies then, and I am sure it is yet.

I am with an Aunt now and expect to be here until threshing time this fall. I am living in the Trabuca Canyon, which is a narrow valley that opens into the San Juan valley about three miles further south of here. The San Juan river enters the ocean about four miles from here. We have the ocean breeze most of the time and have a very mild climate.

The large ranches are owned mostly by people of Spanish descent. The Ranchers have shipped in a large number of cattle to fatten on the hills. The rains came early this year and feed has been very rank on the foothills. The lower hills that are not too steep are used for dry farming. Barley is the crop used and is put in during January.

The level land is irrigated and put into walnut and orange orchards. Last year was a prosperous year for the orchard people but the crop is light this year. The last few days snow has fallen very low down on

the mountains and the temperature was so low that we found ice this morning. People were out during the night burning oil heaters under the trees to save their oranges. They have scale, insects and frost to fight all the time which makes the running expense on an orchard very high. They need good crops and prices to make much at the business.

South Dakota has had her hard times but I would rather live there than here. When I tell the people that, they talk about the snow banks, long winters, and all the other terrible things that we have there. I get them to say in the end that we have a lot of Grit anyway.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Carson.

POTTER COUNTY WINS STATE WIDE DEBATE

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were chosen to represent Community Center Club in the State Wide Debate. After some hard work and a few nights when sleep was nearly a minus quantity we emerged with the County Championship. On the 30th day of June we journeyed to Hughes County where we met the Stanley County team. As they had won from us in 1926 we were much pleased to win the decision from them this year. After this we expected to meet the Meade County team some time during the summer, but their team broke up and they forfeited the debate to us. This left us Champions of the West River District.

Our next debate was with the Minnehaha County team; they having won the Championship of the South Eastern District. We met them in Huron December 14th. They had a good team and were especially good losers. This left the field open up to the final debate which was to be held in Aberdeen on the 11th of January, 1928. During the four intervening weeks between the Huron and Aberdeen debates the weather was such that shoveling coal and feeding livestock were the main and all important issues for farmers, and as for debating, well, it was nearly forgotten and I am inclined to think, perhaps, that it had been pretty well snowed under. By the time the 11th of January rolled around the weather had moderated considerably and to Aberdeen we went determined to make the Brown County team earn the victory if they got it. This debate was held at the Banquet of the Equity Union Creamery and there were three hundred or more present. After the smoke of battle had cleared away the chairman announced the decision of the judges as being two to one in our favor. To say that we were well pleased would be putting it mildly. The Brown County team were fine boys and game fighters right up to the finish.

Our success as a team this year has been largely due to the untiring efforts and splendid ability of my worthy Colleague, A. L. Thelin, and to the loyal support of our fellow club members and other people in the county. May I add that in winning the State Championship this year it is the result of concentrated work to the best of our ability at all times under the existing conditions, and that anybody who will follow this simple principle is sure to succeed in any line of endeavor.

Yours for a larger and better School of Agriculture,
—Roy H. Sloat, Class of '15.

Mr. A. L. Thelin attended school at State College the winter of 1913 and 1914 being enrolled in the Preparatory department. After this he finished the high school course at Sioux Falls. Since then two of his brothers, Guy A. and C. M. Thelin have graduated from State College. All of these boys are making good in their chosen occupations.

New Features to Be Added to Hobo Day

Hobo Day committees have been appointed and plans for State's 1928 gala event already are assuming definite proportion, according to an announcement made last week by Dean E. O. Prather, general chairman.

Committees which will work on plans for the event are: P. W. Huntimer, representative of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce; George Gilbertson, chairman of the parade; C. D. Byrne, C. A. West, H. L. Kohler and P. W. Huntimer, advertising, and Purley Keene, parking.

The advanced military R. O. T. C. will have charge of the policing of streets and campus with the cadet colonel acting as chief of police, according to Dean Prather. Present plans also include the presentation of a musical comedy or comic opera on the night preceding Hobo Day. Arrangements are being made to secure the "Barber of Seville," the comic opera. A pep meeting will be held before the presentation of the opera.

As an innovation, the king and queen of the 1927 Hobo Day will be invited to lead the parade. The ceremony of abdication and coronation in which both the 1927 king and queen and the 1928 king and queen will take part will be staged between halves of the tussel with the U in the afternoon.

Those in charge of the 1928 Hobo Day are laying plans for the greatest homecoming festival in years, not only so far as local effort is concerned but from the standpoint of the number of visitors. The committee base their assumption on the fact that the Coyotes meet the Jackrabbits in football, which should prove to be a great drawing card, inasmuch as the Rabbits will be out to avenge their defeat last fall, the first in six years, while the Coyotes will come up en masse in an attempt to continue their winning streak.

Home Economics

by Ora Sloat

At this time we are nearing the close of another school year, and pupils are turning their attention to home and home duties.

The classes in Home Economics have been larger than ever before, and the work done by the various classes has been very satisfying. The girls have taken an interest in their problems and we are learning the value of careful preparation for homemaking and the pleasure resulting therefrom.

The meal plan basis as carried out in the freshman foods class has proved very interesting and very successful. The sophomore foods class has given special attention to meal planning and table service. Clothing problems in all classes have proved interesting and many practical attractive garments have been made. An exhibit of clothing and art was put on at the Little International held in February, and plans are being made for exhibits at the state fair this fall.

Much interest has been shown in the Home Projects problems to be carried on during the summer months. Many of the girls have expressed their desire to carry two or more projects, thus carrying into the farm home, and putting to practical everyday use the principles learned at the school. At the present time fifty projects have been chosen and many more will be decided upon as soon as the girls know definitely what will best fit their plans at home. The projects will help to link the home and school, and to arouse the interest of parents in the work being done.

Wilda Halverson '15, Rollag, is living at Booge, S. D. She and Tilda Klingness '15, Rollag, married Rollag brothers.

NEWS FROM OUT OVER THE STATE

Lyal Abild '24 did not return to State College last fall and is therefore a very busy farmer at home with his father at Wakonda. They farm a large tract of land and feed quite a number of hogs and Hereford cattle.

Lester Elision '23 of Wakonda and Harold Nelson '24 of Centerville are both busy farming down in Clay County. Still single but this is leap year.

Harold Stockland '25 of Wakonda is another aggie making a success of the farming business; his mother keeps house for him.

Come on gang nine rahs for James Brue '24 of Centerville. It will be news to Jame's many friends to hear of his marriage about a month ago. They will farm his father's farm south of Centerville and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Brue a very happy married life together.

Arnold S. Folvik '24 of Wakonda is busy most of the time trying to help his father raise spotted Poland China hogs. Arnold is active in Church and Community activities, being President of the Clay Council of Religious Education.

Did any of you radio fans listen in to Station WNAX at Yankton, Sunday, February 26? Arnold Folvik had charge of the program. He also takes part in various musical activities. Good work, Arnold, stay with it.

Henry Wallace '15 says he has not left his wife yet but thinks of doing so at times as "there is a strain on the family tie."

Norman Wallace '15 had the misfortune to have a shod horse step on his foot and has been unable to do any work for some time. Norman has four boys now.

Hazel and Belle Hawes '17 are both teaching school.

George Janasen '17 is at the University of Arkansas doing research work. He received his Doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin after getting his B. S. and M. S. at S. D. S. C.

Grace Lindsey '15 is a typist in Des Moines, Iowa.

Henry Wallace has just installed a new automatic Lelco Light and says they like it fine. They have had so much ice there at Britton this winter that a barefoot is almost useless.

Lucile Gigg '15 is very happy with her husband and their boy and two girls on their farm near Presho. Lucile is making a name for herself through her canning exhibits. She won \$17 in prize money at their county fair last fall and has won 1st on her beef, corn and peaches for the past three years. Lucile also got an average of four dozen eggs per day from 130 chickens during February.

Ethyl (?) class '15 did not finish, is living near Kennebec. They have four girls and three boys. We do not know her married name.

Kenneth Spear '15 lives near Draper and has a family of three girls. Marie Spear '15 Willett lives near Tulare.

George Willett is farming the old home place.

Olie Piper '22 makes frequent trips to Huron; perhaps he will not make many more but if not 'twill be Morrissey-Piper.

Percy Wallace '15 is still an old batch and carefree as a chicken. He gets much enjoyment from his pure-bred Herefords.

Picks 10,000 Bushels Corn
Artisan, S. D., Jan. 22.—Special—Although Roy Witzel, corn "king" of this district, did not finish gathering his corn from the fields until a few days ago, he is well satisfied with his corn record, made last year. The winter caught him with a great deal of corn still in the fields, but he now has harvested the last. He has made an accounting of his corn production for 1927 and finds that he and hired men picked an aggregate of 10,000 bushels.

Many old Aggies attend Farmers Week. Vernon Belk, '17, of Henry attended the Farmers Short Course at State College and brought a few potato samples along. Vernon has been an Ace of Spuds ever since he left school and has won many prizes at the S. D. State Fair and other shows where competition is keen. This year Vernon won a beautiful silver cup for having the best bushel of spuds at the State show held in connection with the Farmers Week program.

Gale Peppers '18, of Groton also attended the Farmers Week and the meeting of the S. D. Crop Improvement Association at which meeting Gale had charge of the discussion. Mr. Peppers has held an office in the organization practically ever since he finished school and has done much work in the line of crop improvement and the raising and distribution of pure seeds.

Alfred Swenson '18, of Huron, came down to State for the Farmers Week, and became so interested that he spent an extra week discussing various problems with the different Profs. Alfred hadn't been on the Campus since graduation 10 years ago, so you can imagine what surprises were in store for him.

Lyman Merry '20 drove up from Dell Rapids and took part in the Short Course. Lyman is farming and making a success of it.

Will Peterson '17, and his brother, Ira, who was a member of the Class of '18, were down from Lily. The Peterson brothers have made a great success at farming and raising potatoes.

Other old Aggies attending the Week included Harold Briscoe '23, of Gorman, James Jensen '18 of Mission, S. D., Will Apland from Desmet and Henry Schultzy '26 from Hetland. There were many other aggies attending whom the writer failed to see, but who nevertheless, helped to make the course a success.

Robert Roth '27 Box Elder, S. D.—Farming—Sent in his subscription to the News Jan. 24. Thank you, Robert.

Stella and Don Crossman '27, Westington, wrote that they have been busy taking care of the home farm, 54 head of cattle, 10 head of horses, and a poultry flock of 600. Stella admits that she has done more than her share caring for the furnace, getting meals and caring for the three pet cats. She also wrote that Raymond Wilson, class '29, is staying at home so that his younger brother can go to school.

Chester Lytle, an Aggie during the winter of 19-20, returned to Huron with his wife and little boy from Iowa, March 1st, and will sell Chevrolet autos for a while. The Beadle County Aggies surely are glad to have the Lytles back, and wish them well.



Grace Marshman

Miss Grace Marshman came to the School of Agriculture as secretary to the principal in 1923. She is a Hawkeye by birth, is a graduate of Hubbard, Iowa high school. She has had two years and one summer school training at State College and graduated from Gregg school, Chicago, Ill., in the summer of 1919. She has had teaching experience in the rural schools of Iowa and South Dakota and taught commerce for one year.

Miss Marshman takes a personal interest in the Aggies and gives efficient cheerful service. During the present school year she has been giving part time to teaching in addition to her duties as secretary. The organization and service the School of Agriculture office is able to give the students and alumni of the state, is largely due to the ability and loyal cooperation of Miss Marshman.

Albert Hanson '18 is married and farms 15 miles southeast of Huron on the banks of the Jim River.

Alfred Swenson '18 is still working at Huron for the Superintendent of the County Highway Department.

Harold Erickson '21 is still roadman for Swift & Co. with headquarters at Huron. Harold's job is to organize new cream stations and check up on the operators of the different Swift stations in the Huron district.

Tests to find flax strains that are most immune to wilt and other flax diseases are being conducted at the experiment station. About 40 varieties from North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, along with strains from other parts of the world, are being tested for wilt resistance and yielding ability.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Sunday, March 18, 1928, 3:30 p. m.
President C. W. Pugsley, Presiding
College Auditorium
Organ Prelude, "March Celebre"
..... Lachner
Professor W. A. Peterson
"Abide with me" Wm. H. Monk
Aggie Chorus
Invocation Rev. S. L. Hammond
Scripture Reading
..... Rev. S. L. Hammond
Anchored M. Watson
Aggie Chorus
Commencement Sermon, "The
Trophies of Youth"
..... Reverend Carroll D. Erskine
Benediction Rev. S. L. Hammond
Organ Postlude, "Finale in A".....
..... Harris
Professor W. A. Peterson

Dewey Danielson is developing real muscle by cutting meat for the Lampe Market company at Huron. At least his grip when shaking hands signifies as much.

Ralph Bischoff is still serving White Rose Gas to his many customers at Huron. His wife is teaching school near Huron, but she also acts in the capacity of housekeeper, too, and you always get a warm welcome when calling at the Bischoff home.

James Jensen '18, who was formerly tester for the Beadle Co. C. T. A. for a couple of years and sold feed for the Lampe Meet C. last spring and summer, jumped his job and went out in the West River Country to be dairyman at the Rosebud Indian School at Mission, S. D., last fall. Jim has had considerable experience along dairy lines and will make a success of the work, if some good looking Indian Squaw doesn't capture him.

The Beadle County Aggie Boosters have been inactive this winter due to the cold weather and bad roads, but we are hoping the warmer weather will thaw them out and they will be doing their part in putting the Aggie Program across. They are planning to organize an Aggie Base Ball team for the coming season, and although the boys are quite widely scattered, there are so many good players that it ought not be difficult to line up a creditable team. Players who have considerable experience on the diamond include Rolland Leonhardt, Adolph and Ted Keuhl, Howard and Warren Cranston, Dewey Daniels, Guy Oviatt, Carroll Still, Ralph Bischoff, Clarence Schultz, Ross Cumming, Howard Vollenwieder, George and Verner Sallquist, George Weiting Virgil Gilbert and Thomas Terney.

BEADLE COUNTY BUBBLES

The Farmer's Elevator of Broadland boasts of two aggies on its Board of Directors—O. V. Olson '14, president, and Thomas J. Terney, who attended Aggie School during the winters of 18-19 and 19-20.

Mrs. Shad (Margaret Reynolds) '22 is living on a farm north of Cavour. She is as jolly as ever and says that being a farmers wife is as interesting an occupation as she would ask for.

Glen Brock '21 of Hitchcock is still batching on his farm near LaDelle. There are rumors that he is planning on engaging a cook for life. We wish him well, for Glen is a good farmer and a good cook would make a good farmer better.

George Wieting '22 of Hitchcock is preparing to farm a larger acreage this year. George harvested a good crop last year, due largely to his ability to make his Aggie Knowledge save his feet and increase the yield.

Ross Cumming '23 is chairman of the Broadland Community and School Fair to be held February 24 and 25, so is kept rather busy nowadays seeing that preparations are progressing to make the Fair a success. Ross purchased a corn shelling outfit last fall and has shelled a large amount of corn this winter. Tom Terney handled the shoveling end of the business.

AGGIE NEWS FROM SOUTH

EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

Frank Ufford '21 and Fred Ucord '22 are both farming together near Vermillion on a large scale. Both are very active in County Club projects of all kinds. Frank is connected with the Clay County Cow Testing Association, and says it is a big advantage to dairymen in building up a profitable dairy herd and highly worth while.

Fred is still single but refuses to give any information as to future plans, so we will still have to form our own opinion of the case.

Rueben Mortvedt '25 is farming the home farm together with his brother, Alfred. Rueben was Tester for the Yankton Association last year and still does some official testing for State College whenever he has time.

We understand that James Jensen is one of the applicants for the County Agent position in Beadle County. The present county agent has resigned and will move to Rapid City to operate a goat ranch. Well, we surely hope Jim gets the job as he is well acquainted with Beadle County problems through his work as Cow Tester. The past few months Jim has been herdsman at the Government Indian School at Mission, S. D.

Lawrence Gruve '22 is on one of his father's farms northwest of Wessington Springs. He does the major part of his farming with a tractor, which of course he needs on his 640 acres. In addition to farming he is busy training his young son who is one year old, on his way to the School of Agriculture.

Culling the Farm Flock is a new bulletin just published by the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing. Ask for extension bulletin No. 58.

O. V. Olson '14 of Huron, attended the National Farm Bureau Convention at St. Louis as a delegate representing South Dakota. Oscar, by the way, is vice president of the Beadle County Farm Bureau after serving several terms as president and is one of the directors of the state organization.

Carroll Stitt '18, isn't satisfied with just filling up the Tin Lizzies with gas and oil; so he acts as submail carrier for the many rural routes out of Huron. He holds the record of delivering the mail on a 30-mile route in less than 2 hours.

Winners at the Little International Show



The practical training in fitting animals for sale and show helps to make the work at home more interesting and profitable.

Eighth grade graduates may enter the school without examination. Your home township pays the tuition. Write the Principal, School of Agriculture, **Brookings, S. D.**, for bulletins and circulars.

EIGHT BASKETBALL MEN AWARDED LETTERS—FIVE WILL GRADUATE

The Aggies started the basketball season with about 75 men out for practice. Since such a large squad is unwieldy, as far as teaching the fundamentals is concerned, the men were divided up into eight teams. These eight teams played off a class tournament. The teams included the following entries. During the tournament fifteen outstanding men were selected to play on the Varsity squad.

No games were scheduled before Christmas. This probably accounts, in some measure, for the slow start made by the team. In spite of the slow start made by the Aggies the season was successful, especially if one takes into consideration the calibre of the teams played.

The first game was played at Toronto. After plowing snow until 15 minutes previous to the game the aggies were downed by a four point margin. Following the Toronto game the aggies played a good brand of basketball but were beaten by narrow margins by the strong teams of Volga, Flandreau Indians, and Brookings in the order named.

After losing four games in a row the Purple and White defeated the "6-foot" team from Castlewood, only to lose to the fast traveling aggregation from Flandreau.

Following this game the aggies began to hit their true stride, walloping the Morris aggies two games in a row at Morris, Minnesota. Both games were won by wide margins.

In closing the season the teams played three games on the home floor losing to Volga and winning from Toronto and Cavour. The Volga game was a "thriller" the result being very much in doubt until the final whistle blew. Toronto and Cavour proved no match for the aggies.

The men who were awarded letters were: Nelson Hess, Crandall, Lester Kennedy, Nisland; Virgil Gilbert, Carpenter; Ray Leonhardt, Cavour; Harry Leonhardt, Cavour; Clarence Jones, Huron; Emil Jacobson, Rowena; and Peder Fjellenger, Sherman.

Peder Fjellenger, Sherman, was elected captain for the coming year, taking over the reigns from the capable Roy Leonhardt, this year's captain.

The Varsity squad will lose five of its members through graduation this spring, four of which were first-string men. No doubt their absence will be keenly felt, but with a strong reserve squad ready to take their place a good team is in the making for the coming year.

Members of Gold A Club Responsible For New Students

Foutry-four students and alumni members are responsible for sixty-one students attending the School of Agriculture this year. At a banquet held the evening of February 15, plans and organization for the coming year were perfected. Theodore Larson, of Platte, S. D., was elected president; and Fern Ibach, Bruce, secretary-treasurer; Lyle C. Stitt, recorder.

James Jensen, '17, Huron, holds the record for sending the largest number of students to the School of Agriculture this year. Someone has suggested that a Gold A watch charm be awarded to the member bringing the greatest number of students each year.

The following list gives the name of the Gold A club member and the names of those brought in by each.

Alma Haselhorst, Manchester—Lena Haselhorst.

Clifford Johnson, Viborg—Edgar Dickerson, Bernice Sorenson, Marvin Kjergaard.

Albion Yearous, St. Lawrence—

Francis Teller, Mabel Yearous, James Bingham.

Ralph Hanson, Seneca—Richard Beadle, Tillman Hanson.

Fred Brehe, Agar—Richard Bramblatt, Beulah Cass.

Oscar Flisrand, Florence—Allen Putnam.

Stanley Conkey, St. Lawrence—Kenneth Beals, Clarence Jones.

Adolph Brehe, Agar—Lee Westphal, Albert Brehe

Ruth Poole, Mud Butte—Vera Anderson.

Virgil Gilbert, Carpenter—Samuel Gilbert.

Leland J. Croll, Miller—Lloyd Rush.

Lester Kennedy, Nisland—Oscar Lakso.

Glen Jordan, Sansarc—Raymond Ervin.

Nelson Hess, Crandall—Edward Imsland.

Lawrence McKibben, White—Richard McKibben.

Wilbur Muir, Hayes—Gerald Elkins

Ralph Hampton, Maurine—Harry Fairbanks.

Richard Price, Athol—John Hillen.

Edwin Weismantel.

Otto Reinschmidt, Yale—Warner Ulrich.

Harold Hanson, Watertown—Carl Schmelling, Donald Martin.

Lloyd Hurst, Dupree—Robert Tidball.

Oscar Dahl, Volga—Palmer Eggebraaten.

Arthur Schultz, Hetland—Frieda Weiss.

Leonard Neil, Midland—James Neil

Doratheia Allen, Flandreau—Oliver Larson.

Cora Wickle, Brookings—Elsworth Wickle.

Lyle Kennedy, Nisland—Oliver Herrett.

Roland Leonhardt, Cavour—Harry Leonhardt.

Fern Ibach, Bruce—Arlene Heilig.

James Jensen, Huron—Eunice Warner, Beulah Foresman, Wynona Worrell, Harold Foresman, Ralph Hintermesiter.

Edith Danks, Rumford—Kenneth Helsel.

Minford Hurst, Dupree—Donald Hurst.

Carroll Breese, Danforth—Magnus Mortenson.

Walter Slocum, Glenham—Edith Slocum, Ingrid Johnson.

Harold Joy, Bunker—Virgil Doud.

Theodore Larson, Platte—Galen Bailey.

Alvin Moxon, Brookings—Milton Moxon.

Harold Watson, Brookings—Harvey Finley.

Roy Peter, Conde—Floyd Peter, Edwin Cunningham.

Henry Dolney, Grenville—Henry Gruba.

Melvin Thorstenson, Selby—Melvin Salverson.

Lenore Rund, Thomas—Luella Rund, Marie Benthin.

Carl Ruby, Zeona—Reed Simon.

Chester Erland, Howard—Agnes Erland.

CHEMISTRY BUILDING MAY BE REPLACED

(Continued from page one) and still fit in with the future campus building plans. The recommended building will be a three-story and basement structure, simple in design and giving approximately the same cubical content of the one destroyed. Its cost, without equipment, will approximate \$75,000.

Temporary quarters for the chemistry department are being provided in various places over the campus and a special fund of \$5,000 was made available immediately after the fire to secure some equipment to carry on the class work and demonstrations. \$20,000 more was allowed for this purpose at a later meeting of the

board. However, adequate work in Chemistry cannot be given until some provision is made for laboratories. Because chemistry is a basic course at State College, authorities are very anxious to provide facilities as soon as possible and hope to have the building replaced by the time school opens next fall.

The use of the Emergency Building fund is subject to approval of the Governor and the Attorney General.

The first section of the destroyed building erected in 1897 for an engineering building, cost \$5,000. This was a two-story structure, 40 by 90 feet. An addition of a three-story wing 40 by 74 feet, in 1909, cost \$10,000. Later remodeling brought the actual cost up to \$27,718. The equipment losses, originally costing \$31,336, include laboratory desks, chairs, supplies, books, chemicals, two gas engines, and apparatus used in chemical laboratories.

Although the exact origin of the fire is not definitely known, authorities believe it started in the laboratory of the experiment station chemist on the second floor of the building.

The fire was discovered almost immediately after it started, but the wooden partitions, floors and stairways proved easy prey for the fire and the interior was soon a mass of flames. The Brookings fire department fought valiantly to subdue the flames but a strong wind fanned the fire into all parts of the wooden interior and made it a hopeless task. The firemen then turned their attention to saving the chemical stock in the basement of the building, some of the newer equipment, and to ward off the flames from Old Central building which was in the direct path of the sparks. Firemen were stationed on the roof of this building with chemicals and although the roof caught twice, they were able to prevent any damage.

College authorities and the Board of Regents have known for a long time that the building was a fire trap and especially subject to fire hazards. For several years, this fact has been called to the attention of the legislature in the biennial report and requests made for appropriations.

Aggies Broadcast Musical Program

Musical organizations of the School of Agriculture broadcasted a full musical program of both ensemble and solo numbers from the State College station KFDY Tuesday evening, March 13.

Both the Aggie Orchestra and the Aggie Chorus took part in the program. The chorus consisted of approximately 85 voices. There was also several novelty numbers and duets. The program, including direction of the chorus and orchestra, was given under the direction of Paul J. Scarbro, principal of the school.

The Aggie orchestra opened the program with three numbers, the first, a march, "America Forever," by Emil Ascher. The next orchestra number was "Cherry Blossoms," by Harry L. Alfeid, and the third was "Love's Dream," by Emil Ascher.

The second group of numbers was given by the Aggie Chorus. They opened with a greeting song and the Aggie march song and then sang, "Anchored," by M. Watson and "A Merry Life," by Luigi Denza.

The third group was composed of solos and novelty numbers. Vern Foss, Colome, and Clark Humphrey, Sansarc, played a cornet and saxophone duet with Luella Rund, Thomas, at the piano. The Aggie students also gave a number of mouth harp selections and George Green, Okobojo, sang a number of comedy songs. "Highways are Happy Ways," was a vocal duet given by Marie Benthin, Thomas, and Luella Rund, Thomas. John Rittberger, Hermosa, Perry Downer, Riscoe, and Wayne Smith, Sansarc, were on the program for accordion solos.

Coolidges Send Greetings to S. D. State College

Autographed pictures of both President and Mrs. Coolidge have been received by President Pugsley, and will be used in the State College Jack Rabbit Annual, President Pugsley announced Monday. "After cuts of these photographs are made, the pictures will be framed and hung in the Lincoln Memorial Library, possibly in the upper lobby," stated President Pugsley.

"To South Dakota State College, With Best Wishes—Calvin Coolidge," is inscribed on the President's picture. "To South Dakota State College, With My Best Wishes—Grace Coolidge," is the inscription on the picture of the First Lady of the Land. President and Mrs. Coolidge sent their favorite pictures, taken by Harris and Erving, and Underwood and Underwood.

From Mr. Sanders, the President's personal secretary, Pres. Pugsley received a letter carrying greeting and best wishes to the Student Association from the national executive and his wife, and permission to use the pictures in the 1929 Jack Rabbit.

"Few, if any, colleges have ever been granted the privilege of dedicating their annuals to the President and it is an honor that each member of the staff feels keenly," says Editor Lippert. "It gives us an added incentive to keep the remainder of the book up to the standard of the College section."

New Members of Forensic Society

The following students and faculty members have been awarded membership in the honorary society because of their activities in forensics in the School of Agriculture.

Honorary Members: Miss Lalla I. Gerkin, Fenton, Iowa.

Mr. Clifford Franzke, Brookings.

Albert Berreth, Mound City; Leland Croll, Miller; Kenneth Hollister, Sherman; John Barron, Elkton; Hulda Schortzmann, Menno; Bernice Sorenson, Irene; Luella Rund, Thomas; Mabel Yearous, St. Lawrence; Alvin Bell, Flandreau; Adam Wolfe, Freeport, Ill.; Carl Ruby, Zeona; Walter Urdahl, Worthing; Roy Peter, Conde; Howard Lassig, Goodwin; Allen Putnam, Florence; Karl Wegehaupt, Parkston; Donald Turner, Alexandria.

Harold Joy, Bunker; Kenneth Helsel, Rumford; Lester Henneman, Millboro; Samuel Gilbert, Carpenter; Edwin Cunningham, Conde.

Perry Downer, Roscoe; Theodore Larson, Platte; Alvin Moxon, Brookings; Ward Parsons, Miller; Harold Sherman; Floyd Peter, Conde; Fransel, Wetonka; Peder Fjellanger, cis O'Donnell, Morristown; Melvin Thorstenson, Selby; Marie Benthin, Thomas; Oscar Orwick, Sulphur; Sarah Walter, Carpenter; Albion Yearous, St. Lawrence; Norman Bergan, South Shore.

INTER-SOCIETY CONTESTANTS COMPETE AT MORRIS, MINN.

It was eight a. m. Thursday, March 8, when the car started on its journey to Morris, Minnesota, bearing with it the three Interacademy contestants and driver, Lyle C. Stitt.

The morning seemed wintry and a slight rain was still falling, which had started some time during the night. The party started east from Brookings, traveling a few miles this way and then going north on the main highway 15 toward Big Stone Lake. Although there had been considerable rain the graveled highways made possible quite speedy traveling until farther north where traveling was slackened somewhat, due to icy roads and fog. The forenoon's drive brought few mishaps and the party made Ortonville, Minn., for lunch.

After having rested a few minutes the journey was renewed, the first necessary stop being at Graceville due to tire trouble. The party arrived at Morris, about the middle of the afternoon, finding satisfactory conveniences at the Merchants Hotel where the remainder of the afternoon was spent resting.

The group went to the school auditorium in ample time to make the acquaintance of Supt. Miller, who gave the directions of the following evening's performance which started at 8:00 p. m.

The evening's program was opened with a trombone solo by Rockley Beck. The contest started with the first oration entitled "The Constitution" given by Melvin Kamrud, and "Toussaint L'Ouverture" given by Leland Croll. Following the oratorical section was the humorous section, "Minnie at the Skating Rink" given by Ella Erickson, and "At the Photographers" given by Mable Yearous. The Dramatic section came last.

"The Death Disk" given by Ellen Roman and "The Wheels of Time" given by Luella Rund.

While the judges made their decisions a piano duet was played by Ruth Simonson and Bernice Talle.

The decisions were then announced; Melvin Kamrud of the West Central School of Agriculture at Morris won in Oration, Ella Erickson of Morris won in the Humorous section, and Luella Rund of the South Dakota School of Agriculture at Brookings won first in the Dramatic section.

Immediately following the contest the contestants, judges, and a few of the instructors were given lunch and an opportunity to become acquainted.

The following morning the Brookings party visited the school, looking the buildings and equipment over, after which they started back home again.

A different road was traveled on the return trip going through the Whetstone Valley, having lunch at Sisseton, S. D., and going by way of Watertown and then to Brookings. The day was clear and sunshiny and the roads being dry the greater part of the way, made traveling easy and good time was made, until muddy roads were found, out of Brookings, which caused much slower locomotion. The party arrived at Brookings safely and in a jolly mood.

The students from the Morris West Central School of Agriculture arrived in Brookings for the Declamatory contest March 8.

The visiting team representing West Central School of Agriculture gave the following selections: Better Immigration—Wallace Opdahl. An oration. Madam X—dramatic—Palma Norby, Philander Belding's Mistake, by Stanley Peterson—Humorous.

The Brookings team staying at home were composed of Albert Berreth, giving the oration "Toussaint L'Ouverture," Bernice Sorenson giving the "Swan Song" in the dramatic section. Kenneth Hollister giving "I am a Nut" in the humorous section, Albert Berreth of Mound City won first in oration for Brookings while the two representatives of W. C. S. A. won the other two sections of the contest.

Judges for the contest at Brookings were: Professor R. E. Post, Professor of Farm Economics; Captain Dana H. Allen, Professor in Military Science and Tactics, and Professor H. M. Jones, State Club Leader.

23 STATE GRADUATES LISTED IN BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY

Twenty-three graduates of State College are listed in the fourth edition of the Biographical Directory of American Men of Science, recently published. A study of the origin and distribution of eminent scientists shows that 14 are members of the State College faculty. Three of these are State graduates. Two former students are also listed among the men of science.